

BRAVE PAT GINLEY.

He Is One of This Nation's Unknown Heroes.

The Deed Which Won Him Congress's Bronze Medal.

His Intrepid Conduct on the Battlefield of Ream's Station.

The hero of the drama is usually the sleekest, handsomest, best dressed and most distinguished man in the cast. He has a deep-toned voice and an awful swag. He deals in heroic speeches, and frequently announces to the audience that he has done a glorious and valorous deed.

In real life there are heroes, too, but not of the stage variety.

The hero of real life is usually a modest man. He is the last person to recount the tale of his valor, and shrinks when others speak of him.

He does not know that he is a hero, in short, and doesn't believe it when others say he is.

There is a hero, a modest hero, who greets the caller at the office of Col. Erhardt, at the Custom-House.

He is grizzled and growing old. He wears a suit of sheep's gray, and a kindly smile, and those in the office with him call him "Pat."

No one would take Messenger Patrick Ginley for a hero, and he says it all for-der, himself.

Pat has been Col. Erhardt's messenger only since May, 1889. People will remember him as the platform man at the Fulton street station of the Elevated Railroad for the five years from 1885 to 1889.

A medium-sized man he is, with a bristling iron grays, deep-set Irish blue eyes, seamed face, and a voice that was cheering as he called, "Step lively, there!" to the hurrying, scurrying patrons of the "L."

Before that and since 1868 Patrolman Patrick Ginley had earned a record for attention to duty under Capt. Bennett, Allaire, Ulman, Garland, Cherry and Murphy, and as detailed man at the Woman's Hospital, in Fifth street.

He was the first man ever detailed to duty at the office of Inspector, now Supt. Murray, at Police Headquarters, where he was stationed three years.

Everybody who has known Patrolman or Platform-Man or Messenger Pat Ginley all these years will recall that he is a cheery man, with a gift of gab. He can talk like a steam engine, and will tell more good stories in an hour than could be printed in a page of THE EVENING WORLD, and he tells of the bravery and heroism of his fellow-soldiers in "the late unpleasantness" with especial gusto. But ask him to tell of his own deeds and he will curl his lip in a disgusted way, snap his fingers and say, "Proh! Nonsense!"

The House of Representatives of this Republic, has set the mark of "Hero" on Pat Ginley, though, and the War Department, at the command of Congress, has sent a fine bronze medal to him as a testimonial of the high opinion in which he is held for bravery.

Patrick Ginley is sixty-eight years old. He was born in the west of Ireland, where famine starved the poor people in the face just now.

He came to America, the Land of the Free, thirty-four years ago—"just in time to get into a fight," he says.

The war broke out five years later—the war for the Union—and Pat was one of the lads who came forward and helped to form the great Irish Brigade, and he was with the Brigade in Virginia in the memorable campaign of the Fall of 1864.

The brigade was on the Weldon road when (Sept. 25, 1864) the event happened which tested the steel of Private Pat Ginley.

An EVENING WORLD reporter, fortified with the story of that day as told to him by another Irish private, called on Messenger Ginley recently and sought to obtain from him the story of his own gallantry. With what success the reader may determine.

"Pat Ginley, I am told that you are a hero!" began the reporter, and an aged ex-soldier, lounging on the office couch, applauded with his thin old hands, gleefully.

"A-ah, now! Have done, will you? Sure my wife and my family at 341 East Tenth street are poking at me all the while and calling me an Irish yokel!"

"But the War Department has sent a medal to you for brave work in battle! You did a noble thing at the battle of Ream's Station. Tell me what was it. I want the whole story."

"Now, ye'll get nothing out of me! I was just an Irish private, and that's all."

"Yes, but you did do something not quite regular at Ream's Station. You carried the Stars and Stripes up to the top of the breastworks!"

"Hold on, there! Hold on! Ye are getting ahead too fast. I was sent back to headquarters by Capt. Ames, with orders to report with a despatch from Col. Walker, chief of Hancock's staff."

There was a pause. Private Ginley looked as if he thought he was talking too much about himself, and he wound up with:

"And that's all there is of it," and closed his mouth with a snap like a steel trap.

"You delivered the despatch and then took the flag!"

"Aw, wait a bit. It was this way: I was ordered to deliver a despatch to Gen. Miles, who was then engaged with the enemy half a mile away, and I delivered the despatch just as Gen. Miles was wounded. I hurried back to report, for I thought Miles was mortally wounded. He had a ball through the left shoulder.

"Well, Col. Walker was ordered to find Miles and learn what troops were in his front, and I went with Col. Walker.

"Now, that's all you can get out of me. Everybody fought well, and that's the whole of it," and the square jaws snapped shut again.

The ancient ex-policeman's old eyes twinkled, Col. Erhardt's clerk smiled gleefully, and a couple of callers tapped the floor with their walking sticks.

"Col. Walker was taken prisoner just as you reached Ream's station, and you—"

"Yes, yes! I wheeled to get back into our lines. My horse was shot from under me. There were several batteries and our men were driven from them. Gen. Meyerhoff was shot. I tried to get shelter, but I couldn't. I was right between the two lines, and at last I crawled under a gun belonging to the Twelfth Infantry," said the old man, with the eloquence of recollection.

"And that's all there is of it."

"That is all, except that you were behind a Union piece on one side of the works and the rebels were swarming up from the other side, and—"

"The rebels reached the top of the works just then."

"One of 'em saw me and called me a Yank and ordered me to come across the works."

"But I didn't. And that's all there is of it."

The seamed face of the veteran had grown young again with excitement. The Irish blue eyes flashed fire that any rebel might have taken warning from, and the gray face glowed with the flash of enthusiasm. But the square jaws had snapped shut again.

"You didn't go over the works to the enemy but—"

"Yes, yes; that's it! I just inserted the lanyard, and gave 'em the contents. I he recoiled and single fringed our lines."

The audience now numbered a dozen, and a burst of applause startled the veteran and the steel trap closed again.

"You got back to the Union lines safely and then you—"

"Ah, well! I yelled to the Colonel to recapture the battery, and he and the boys did it. Now, what is there in that to make a fuss about?"

"Yes, but, Private Ginley, the color-bearer was shot down and the glorious flag of freedom was trailing in the dust, and—"

"Yes, I did catch it up and kept it out of the dirt; but what of that?"

"And you led the boys with a hurrah, carrying the Stars and Stripes aloft before all and planting the flag firmly on the rebel works."

Pat Ginley hung his head and said in a deprecating, half apologetic way:

"Well, well, may be that is so." Then in a subdued way he added:

"They took me before Gen. Hancock took me, and he said I was a hero. They took me to me. Grant, too, and he said something kind to me, but I was so scared I didn't know what he said."

"I wish all this fuss was over, and they'd let me alone."

A ring of a bell called Patrick Ginley away, but the audience applauded just the same.

This is a modern hero in real life. The bronze medal is a substantial token, and the family of the Irish private will show it with pride from generation to generation.

The medal bears this inscription: "Presented by the War Department according to Act of Congress to Private Patrick Ginley, of the Irish Brigade, for heroic and meritorious conduct on the battlefield of Ream's Station, Sept. 25, 1864."

SLICK HOTEL BEAT.
His Clothes Seized in One House He Gets Square With Another.

The fellow had no baggage when he registered first at the Markham House Saturday, but had a very glib tongue and told such a plausible story that he was permitted to register and given a room, says the *Chattanooga Times*.

The hotel people became alarmed, and after he had been there several days a party of the police went to his room and found the fellow's trunk, which he had taken to the Markham House, and he was arrested.

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HOW HE WON HIS BRIDE.

A Newspaper Man Helps a Friend to Get the Girl He Loved.

By His Advice She Contracted a Severe Case of Despondency.

For helping a fellow in distress," said a rich young New Yorker to a Chicago *Light* reporter while dining at the Litchfield last evening.

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SHE IS A FIGHTING EDITOR.

Miss Dorthea Knows How to Reply to a Rival's Insult.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMFORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

The Finest Railway Cars and the Most Elaborate Furnishings—Then There is One Car and a Wine Cellar in the Next—Promises of Hospitality in Southern Cities for the President.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The President and Mrs. Harrison, and their party, who will accompany them on their trip to the far West left here at midnight on the special train especially prepared for their use.

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HARRISON ON THE RAIL.

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